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SUBJECT: AMPLIFYING THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ON AFGHANISTAN

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¶1. (U) On December 2, the PD Section distributed materials in reftel on President Obama's Afghanistan speech to key Embassy contacts. Informal reactions were positive, with both government officials and civil society reps making clear that they appreciated our outreach effort and hoped we would continue to provide updates on U.S. efforts in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere in the Middle East.

¶2. (U) Chad's mixed but predominantly Muslim population (54 per cent, based on the recent census) watches developments in the Muslim world with concern, as religious tolerance has long been a cultural norm here and citizens of all persuasions are eager to maintain this aspect of their traditional society. There have been no major outbreaks of religious-based violence since 1979.

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